



SUMMERHILL SCHOOL

12 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Advice to All Parents/Carers – 2 x Single Cases of COVID-19 at Summerhill School – 11 November 2020

We have been advised today of another two confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. One is in Year 7 and a separate one is in Year 8. The two are unrelated. Neither student has been in school since last week and therefore, there is no link to any previous case in school or effect on any other students.

In accordance with national guidance, the school remains open for all other students and they should continue to attend if they remain well and are not displaying any symptoms.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD INTO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS OR MAY HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO IS POSITIVE, OR MAY BE POSITIVE, AS THIS PUTS OTHER STUDENTS AND STAFF AT RISK.

I cannot overemphasise the need to provide school with honest, truthful and timely details of suspected cases. The quicker that we can act, the less disruption there will be to other students and their families. NO ONE will get into trouble for being honest with us and we can work together to ensure that the information required by Public Health is correct. We cannot take any chances in the current situation.

Can I also politely ask that any positive cases are reported directly to the school FIRST as soon as they are known (via info@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk) before they are shared more widely on social media or within friendship groups. It is unhelpful when we receive information from parents or other students and have until that time been unaware of the situation. This is in everyone's best interests so that we can contact trace potential connections as soon as possible. It is only by working together we can ensure the highest level of risk mitigation can be implemented.

We will keep you updated of developments and issue further information as necessary. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher